

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 and 17-21 are pending. Applicant has amended claims 6 and 17-21.

In the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2007, the Examiner withdrew claims 1-5 and 11-16 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.142(b); and rejected claims 6-10 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Although applicant disagrees, applicant has amended the claims to address the Examiner's concerns.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the telephonic interview on April 4, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner and applicant's representative discussed the proposed claim amendments. The Examiner indicated that the proposed claim amendments appeared to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Based upon the above amendments, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and its early allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268831US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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